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MARKEY TO BUSH ADMINISTRATION: AMERICANS HAVE RIGHT TO KNOW WHAT NORTH KOREA KNOWS ABOUT NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY TRANSFERS

Washington, DC: Representative Edward J. Markey (D-MA), a senior Member of the House Energy and Commerce Committee and co-chairman of the Bipartisan Task Force on Nonproliferation, today released letters to the Secretaries of State and Energy, asking for information related to North Korean intelligence and the transfer of nuclear technology to that country.

“The American people have the right to see the same information that the U.S. has already provided to the North Koreans,” said Rep. Markey. “They also have the right to know what nuclear technology already has been provided to Kim Jong-Il regime in North Korea—particularly in light of that country’s ongoing violations of the Non-Proliferation Treaty, the 1994 Agreed Framework, and other international agreements.”

Recent press reports indicated that when confronted by U.S. diplomats with intelligence information about its covert nuclear weapons programs, North Korea acknowledged the existence of these programs. Rep. Markey has already written to the President, with Representatives Christopher Cox (R-CA) and Benjamin Gilman (R-NY), expressing his concerns regarding North Korea’s violations of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty and the 1994 Agreed Framework and his views regarding an appropriate U.S. response to those violations.

Rep. Markey’s letters asked for:

- What documentation the U.S. has provided to North Korea regarding its clandestine nuclear programs;
- What technology was transferred to North Korea pursuant to 10 CFR Part 810 of regulations issued by the Department of Energy;
- Whether the Administration, as indicated by White House National Security Advisor Condoleezza Rice on July 5, 2002, is still “...transferring technology necessary for the licensing and safe operation of the completed light water reactors;” and
- Whether the Administration has suspended this policy, and if so, exactly when it was discontinued and what transfers were affected.

Copies of all correspondence can be found at <http://www.house.gov/markey>

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